## Planning (Social Impact and Community Benefit) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025

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I write to object to the proposed 'Planning (Social Impact & Community Benefit) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025' for the following reasons:

 This amendment bill will enable plans and construction of Olympic venues to override serious laws such as Planning Act, Environmental Protection Act, Queensland Heritage Act

Amendments will apply to all of Queensland and could have wide-ranging deleterious effects across the State.

Relaxation of planning and environmental safeguards must NOT be allowed to happen at a time when Queensland must PRESERVE and PROTECT our environmental and cultural heritage and beauty.

For example, special conservation lands of the Birkdale Community Precinct are under threat from the plans for the Redlands Whitewater Centre.

- 2. These laws protect Queensland's unique history and safeguard irreplaceable parts of our environment and heritage.
- 3. The community's democratic right to have a say in the development application process for all Olympic venues must remain.
  - Without it, public confidence in planning integrity will be seriously undermined. By overriding these laws, and the protections they afford, the State Government is choosing to deny democracy and the rights of communities everywhere to have a voice.
- **4.** In its current form, the bill would have profound and irreversible consequences on the survival of one of our most iconic and endangered species: the koala.

Koalas are currently listed as endangered under both the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) and the Nature Conservation Act 1992 (Qld).

The amendments proposed in this bill run contrary to those responsibilities and will push them further toward extinction.

## Lurge:

- DO NOT pass this bill in its current form.
- UPHOLD the integrity of environmental laws.
- RETAIN full environmental scrutiny for Olympic-related and state-prioritised projects.
- PROTECT Queensland's precious green spaces and the creatures that inhabit them.
- PROTECT our Indigenous and European cultural heritage.

I urge the Queensland Parliament to act in the interest of future generations, biodiversity, moral decency and the very identity of our state.

Your sincerely

Annette Corrigan

